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SACATON WOMAN INDICTED FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT OF SACATON MAN

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- Paul K. Charlton, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, announced that on April 9, 2003, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned an indictment against Shelly Jean Miguel, of Sacaton, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that the defendant assaulted her step-father by stabbing him twice with a knife after the two had a verbal argument.

The federal indictment charges Shelly Jean Miguel with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 113.

A conviction for Aggravated Assault carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and \$250,000 fine or both.

Mr. Charlton stressed that an indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Gila River Police Department.

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The prosecution is being handled by Sharon K. Sexton, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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